(b) A statement is attached. [Refer to the statement appended to the Answer to Unstarred Question 1626(b)]

(c) The Ministry of Water Resources has not received any reaction from Government of Karnataka.

Proposal to Interlink rivers

†1628. SHRI KAMAL AKHTAR:
SHRIMATI JAYA BACHCHAN:

Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) what are the details of the progress in regard to the proposal to interlink rivers in the country;

(b) whether the proposal has finally been abandoned; and

(c) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI JAY PRAKASH NARAYAN YADAV): (a) The Ministry of Water Resources (MOWR) (erstwhile Ministry of Irrigation) and Central Water Commission(CWC) formulated a National Perspective Plan (NPP) for Water Resources Development in 1980 envisaging inter-basin transfer of water from surplus basins to deficit basins/areas for optimum utilization of water resources. The NPP comprises two components, namely, Himayalayan Rivers Development Component and Peninsular Rivers Development Component. National Water Development Agency (NWDA) was set up under the MOWR in 1982 for carrying out various technical studies to establish the feasibility of the proposals of NPP. Based on various studies conducted, NWDA has identified 30 links (16 under Peninsular Component & 14 under Himalayan Component) for preparation of Feasibility Report (FRs). Out of these, FRs of 14 links under Peninsular Component and 2 links (India Portion) under Himalayan Component have already been completed.

Further, a Memorandum of Understanding for preparation of Detailed Project Report (DPR) of one of the link in Peninsular Component Namely Ken-Betwa link was signed among the Central Government and State

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

Governments of Madhya Pradesh and Uttar Pradesh on 25th August, 2005. Subsequently, the Central Government entrusted the preparation of the DPR of the aforesaid link to NWDA, which is planned to be completed by June, 2008.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

Irrigated land under cultivation

1629. SHRI MOINUL HASSAN: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) what is the total number of irrigation projects at present and the percentage of irrigated land under cultivation, State-wise;

(b) the percentage of irrigated land brought under cultivation from First Five Year Plan to Tenth Five Year Plan, Plan wise details;

(c) the total amount so far invested for irrigation, plan-wise; and

(d) the growth rate of irrigation in each Plan period?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI JAY PRAKASH NARAYAN YADAV): (a) Under the major and medium irrigation sector, status of the projects completed/ ongoing are as under:

Project	Completed			Likely ongoing during XI plan
	Upto IX Plan	Likely during X Plan	Total	
Major	228	48	276	166
Medium	917	91	1008	222

Percentage of irrigated land under cultivation as per the Land use Statistics of 2003-04 is given State-wise at Statement-I (*See* below)

(b) As per the Land Use Statistics available, Plan-wise position of irrigated land brought under cultivation is given at Statement II. (*See below*)

(c) Total amount so far invested on irrigation upto X Plan has been